

Subject Teaching candidates

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Summary

The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) approves teacher preparation providers and teacher preparation programs in accordance with PELSB rules. Under the current rules, teacher preparation programs must provide candidates with at least 100 field experience hours before the candidate begins student teaching.

This bill requires a teacher preparation program that prepares candidates to provide instruction in early literacy to provide candidates with a supervised early literacy field experience aligned to evidence-based best practices in reading consistent with the Read Act. The experience must be integrated with learning experiences in reading instruction and provide teacher candidates with opportunities to apply evidence-based literacy practices with students. PELSB must adopt rules to implement the new requirement, and the bill includes a blank appropriation for the costs of rulemaking.